



Natural Resources Board Minutes
February 11, 2020

Attendance:

Board Members by Phone:

Marty Illick, Vice Chair; Steve Larrabee, Member

Board Members in Person:

Diane Snelling, Chair

Staff in Person:

Greg Boulbol, General Counsel; Kimberley Lashua, Business Director; Evan Meenan, Associate General Counsel; Pamela Morin, Legal Technician

Public:

Kate McCarthy, Vermont Natural Resources Council

I. Meeting Convened

11:06 A.M. Ms. Diane Snelling, NRB Chair, opened the meeting via phone conference, from 10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05633-3201.

II. Opportunity for Public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items.

The Chair invited public comments.

No comments were made.

III. Minutes of January 14, 2019

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of January 14, 2019.

Ms. Marty Illick made a motion to approve the minutes with minor edits. Mr. Steve Larrabee seconded motion to approve the minutes change. Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. NRB office and budget updates

Ms. Kimberley Lashua provided office and budget updates.

Staff are currently working on New Application Guidance document. When it is





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completed, Board Members can volunteer to participate in testing by submitting an application and providing feedback. Notify Kimberley directly if you would like to participate.

Ms. Diane Snelling and Ms. Kimberley Lashua will testify on FY21 budget before House Committee on Appropriations tomorrow. The Annual Report has been finalized and will be distributed to the Board.

The Board had no questions concerning office updates and the budget.

V. Discussion regarding Act250 Legislative Initiatives:

Ms. Diane Snelling expressed that the Board was asked to prepare a budget to support the bill proposed by the Administration and VNRC. NRB was also asked for fee analysis that would estimate additional revenue raised by the proposal to add \$3.00 for every \$1,000.00 of construction costs AND an additional \$0.02/yd³ for the first 1,000,000 of earth extraction and an additional \$0.01/ yd³ above the first \$1,000,000. Both documents will be submitted to the Committee later today and copies will be circulated to the Board.

A general discussion was had about concerns for putting together a budget early in the process. Chair Snelling stated that if any of the Board members had questions that the legal staff would be available to assist them. The Board had no questions at this time.

VI. Public Comment:

Kate McCarthy from VNRC offered suggestions to the Board for tracking legislation.

VII. Adjournment:

Ms. Marty Illick made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Steve Larrabee seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

